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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 494
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A RESOLUTION to designate February 6, 2002 as "Ronald
Reagan Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to honor those august citizens who, throughout their exemplary lives, have committed themselves to public service of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan is one such distinguished public servant, a man of humble background, who worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed as an entertainer, union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of California and President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th President of the United States; he was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in his re-election bid, earning the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate, a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President in 1981, he inherited a nation suffering from rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

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WHEREAS, during Ronald Reagan's presidency, he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to government, which led to an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda for the nation's children helped lower crime and drug use in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's Armed Forces to win the Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace through strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2002, Ronald Reagan will have reached the age of ninety-one years as the oldest living former President in the history of our great nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That this General Assembly hereby designate February 6, 2002 as "Ronald Reagan Day" in Tennessee, in recognition of President Reagan's many outstanding contributions to the United States of America and its citizenry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.